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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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**REMARKS**

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated November 3, 2005. The Examiner's statement should not be misinterpreted as meaning that the features identified by the Examiner are the only patentable features in any of the claims. Each independent claim and dependent claim include various aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement paraphrases a portion of the subject matter of claim 1, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, and not the paraphrase and summary included in the Examiner's statement.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain

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Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated November 3, 2005.

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